

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Minorities Welfare Department – Sanction of an amount of **Rs. 30.00 crores** (Rupees Thirty Crores only) towards Pre-Matric Scholarship to the Minority Students – Administrative Sanction – Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (EDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 272

Dated: 5th September, 2018.

Read:

From the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. State Minorities Finance Corporation Ltd., Lr.No.109/Scholar ships/ APSMFC/2017-18, dtd.30.11.2017.

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ORDER:-

The Government of India is administering a Pre-Matric scholarship programme for the Minority students across the country including Andhra Pradesh. The Government of India is not sanctioning scholarships to all the eligible students on saturation mode. After sanction of scholarships by the Government of India under Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, the left over students used to be covered under State Government Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme up to the year 2011-12.

2. Since, the State Government discontinued the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Minorities from the year 2012-13, the rest of the eligible students are denied the benefit causing hardship to pursue Primary and Secondary education by the Minority students and their parents. For example, during the year 2014-15, about 2,76,209 students applied under Govt. of India Pre-Matric Scholarships. The Govt. of India sanctioned scholarships to only 1,31,069 students denying the benefit to 1,45,140 students.

3. The Government has reviewed the situation and has decided to extend the benefit of Pre-Matric scholarships to the Minority students who were not covered by the GOI Pre-Matric Scholarship Programme, from this academic year on saturation basis.

4. As the State Government's Post-Matric Scholarship Programme is being implemented by District Minorities Welfare Officers at District level under the control of Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, through Jnanabhoomi portal, the proposed Pre-Matric scholarship scheme is entrusted to the Commissioner, Minorities Welfare. The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare is requested to obtain the list of eligible students who were not selected in the Govt. of India scheme and port them in the Jnanabhoomi portal of the State so as to release the State sanctioned scholarships through the state government's portal.

Eligibility:

1. Minority Students studying in a Government or recognized Private schools from Class I to X.
2. Students should have secured not less than 50% marks in the previous final examination and annual income of their parent/ guardian from all sources does not exceed Rs. 1.00 lakh.
3. The students belonging to Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Buddhist, Jain and Parsi communities are eligible under this Scheme.

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4. The Scholarships will be provided for the entire course. Maintenance allowance will be given for 10 months only in an academic year.
5. Rate of Scholarships: Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission/tuition fee and maintenance allowance as given below to a maximum ceiling indicated against item concerned:

S.No.	Item	Hostellers*	Day Scholars
1.	Admission fee from class VI to X	Rs. 500/- per annum subject to actual	Rs. 500/- per annum subject to actual.
2.	Tuition Fee from Class VI to X	Rs. 350/- per month subject to actual	Rs. 350/- per month subject to actual.
3.	Maintenance allowance is payable for a period not exceeding 10 months in an academic year		
	(i) Class I to V	NIL	Rs. 100/- per month
	(ii) Class VI to X	Rs. 600/- per month subject to actual.	Rs. 100/- per month

* Hostellers include students who are staying in hostel of the School / Institute concerned other than Government hostels / Residential Schools.

5. In the circumstances reported by the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. State Minorities Finance Corporation Ltd., in the reference read above, Government after careful examination, here by sanction an amount of Rs. 30 crores (Rupees Thirty crores only) towards pre-matric Scholarship to the Minority Students for the year 2018-19.

6. The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare shall take necessary action accordingly and requested to give wide publicity to the Programme.

7. (This G.O. is issued with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide Finance U.O. No. 40027/74/(FMU(WF II))/2018, dated 02-08-2018. Computer Number (551695)).

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.RAMGOPAL
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, Tadepalli, Guntur.

Copy to:

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director,
A.P. State Minorities Finance Corporation Ltd., Vijayawada.
The Finance(FMU-WEL.II) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER